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I can say with some certainty that you're probably going to get a lot of +ACI-Microsoft is Evil+ACI- emails from the very outspoken minority of Microsoft haters, but I don't know how many emails you'll get from the folks who think the US Government should stay OUT of private businesses. You know, the silent masses who when nothing goes wrong say nothing at all.

Some points here that I want to make that are +ACo-VERY+ACo- valid:

1. Microsoft plays hardball business in it's licensing agreements. Big deal, so do most other businesses, and I don't see those businesses getting taken to court.
2. Microsoft, as far as I'm concerned, has been the victim of a concerted effort by it's competitors, Sun and Oracle to name a few, to get the US Government to do what they couldn't do by ordinary business practices, and that's replace Microsoft in the number one position.
3. Microsoft, in attempting to standardize the desktop and notebook computer operating systems have done so much more to HELP consumers and businesses than any other company that it's rediculous to sue them. My parents have a much easier time with computers since they've moved to Windows, as many other people in the world.
4. There are so many software and hardware companies that have both come into existence, and +ACo-SURVIVED+ACo- and become prosperous because of Microsoft's efforts to make Windows the standard, that the few companies that have gone out of business can easily be attributed to normal business failures that happen in +ACo-EVERY+ACo- industry, not just the software industry.
5. Microsoft owns the rights and code to Windows. Period. It's theirs legally, and if they don't want to give out source code or want to make it so that their applications software talks to their operating system software a little easier, then so be it. It's MICROSOFT's RIGHT to do this, and Microsoft's competitors have been given so much by Microsoft already to allow their software to operate on Microsoft's Windows operating system that it stuns me that this travesty of justice has continued for this long.

Plainly stated, whiners who couldn't come up with a better solution are using the legal system, and much to my dismay, the legal system is accomodating these whiners.

I spent 11 years serving honorably in the US Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserves and it SHAMES me to see our government throwing away millions of dollars on a trial that as far as I'm concerned should have been declared a mistrial when Judge TP Jackson was found to have uttered his comments that definitely show a bias against the defendent. Not just in his covert comments but his comments and actions in the courtroom, both against Microsoft +ACo-AND+ACo- the District Court of Appeals, who have overturned TP Jackson's rulings in the past.

Please end this farce and waste of my tax money and start doing things to help the citizens of this country who need better education, families that need homes and children that need medical aid and food. Please start taking care of the PEOPLE of this country and stop kowtailing to Microsoft's competitors and political lackeys that are just seeking a re-election platform when their term is due.

Regards,
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